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SUBJ: SOUTH LEBANON: ISRAELI INTENTIONS

REF.: BEIRUT 3404, TEL AVIV 7879

1. AS REQUESTED THE FOLLOWING IS OUR ASSESSMENT OF
ISRAELI POLICY REGARDING SOUTH LEBANON WHICH AMBASSADOR
PARKER CAN PASS TO BOUTROS:

-- BASED UPON RECENT DISCUSSIONS, WE BELIEVE THE GOI
CONTINUES TO SUPPORT THE REESTABLISHMENT OF LEBANESE CENTRAL
GOVERNMENT AUTHORITY IN THE SOUTH.

-- WE THINK THAT ISRAELIS SHARE POINT MADE BY BOUTROS (IN
PARA 5 OF REFTEL) AND ARE PREPARED TO COOPERATE WITH GOL
IN WORKING OUT ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE DEPLOYMENT OF THE
LEBANESE ARMY THERE. ON THIS POINT, WE BELIEVE GOI POLICY
REMAINS UNCHANGED FROM LAST FALL, THAT LEBANESE SHOULD
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DISCUSS TROOP DEPLOYMENTS TO THE SOUTH WITH THE ISRAELIS
BEFORE ANY MOVES ARE MADE.

2. THESE ARE OUR IMPRESSIONS, BUT WE DO AGREE WITH COMMENT
IN PARA 8 OF REFTEL THAT IF LEBANESE WANT AN AUTHORITATIVE
ANSWER TO THIS QUESTION, THEY WILL HAVE TO TALK TO ISRAELIS
AT ILMAC OR ELSEWHERE. PLEASE EMPHASIZE TO BUTROS OBVIOUS

POINT THAT THIS EMBASSY ASSESSMENT COMMITS THE ISRAELI
GOVERNMENT TO NOTHING. LEWIS

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